THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes Sir. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (Commercial), in Table-7 of their latest Report No. 1 of 2000 on Review of Accounts for the year ended March 1999, which was laid in the Rajya Sabha on 12.5.2000, has reported that 113 PSUs with a paid up capital of Rs. 27,406.19 crores have suffered net loss of Rs 9498.72 crores as on 31st March, 1999.

(b) and (c) The reasons for losses are enterprise specific. However, some of the reasons in general include old plant and machinery, outdated technology, greater competition, higher input costs, financial resource crunch, surplus manpower etc.

(d) Enterprise specific measures are taken for revival/rehabilitation of loss making PSUs. However, some of the measures in general include periodical review of the performance of PSUs, referral to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for revival/rehabilitation schemes, managerial and financial restructuring including formation of joint ventures, modernization of plant and machinery, upgradation of technology, improved marketing strategies, cost control, rationalization of manpower including VRS/ VSS etc.

Revised Pay Scales of Employees of HPC

2988. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised the pay scales of employees and workers of Hindustan Paper Corporation units of Nowgong and Panchgram;

(b) if so, when will it be implemented; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Proposal for revision of pay scales of employees in

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Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited (HPC) including the employees at Nowgaon and Panchgram units w.e.f. 1st January, 1997 has been received and is being examined in the Ministry.

CPSUs functioning in Bihar

2989. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Sector Enterprises presently functioning in Bihar, PSE-wise and location-wise;

(b) the total investments made by Government, so far, in each of these PSEs;

(c) whether all of these PSEs are consistently making losses;

(d) if so, the details thereof for the last five years, year-wise and PSE-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to bring these PSEs on rail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) As per Public Enterprises Survey 1998-99, which was laid in the Rajya Sabha on 15.3.2000, there were 12 Central Public Sector Enterprises functioning in Bihar as on 31.3.99, till which period the information is available. The details of PSEs such as name and location, investment including that made by Government, profit and loss from 1994-95 to 1998-99 are at Statement (*See* below).

(e) Enterprise specific steps are taken for revival/rehabilitation of loss making PSUs. However, some of the steps in general include periodical review of the performance of PSUs, referral to Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for revival/rehabilitation schemes, managerial and financial restructuring including formation of joint ventures, modernization of plant and machinery, upgradation of technology, improved marketing strategies, cost control, rationalization of manpower including VRS/ VSS etc.